

Opioid Legislation

2017 Maryland General Assembly - Opioid Related Bills									
Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Committee	Hearing	Requirements				
					Prevention	Education	Enforcement	Insurance	Recovery
HB 316	State Board of Pharmacy - Dispensing of Drugs Containing Controlled Dangerous Substances - Requirements	Bromwell	Withdrawn	8-Feb	Yes - Schedule II - V substances must be in lockable vials to prevent access	Yes - the State Board of Pharmacy must give pharmacists a statement to distribute that educates patients on the potential for drug abuse	n/a	n/a	n/a
SB 428	State Board of Pharmacy - Dispensing of Drugs Containing Controlled Dangerous Substances - Requirements	Klausmeier	EHE - In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn	8-Feb	Yes - Schedule II - V substances must be in lockable vials to prevent access	Yes - the State Board of Pharmacy must give pharmacists a statement to distribute that educates patients on the potential for drug abuse	n/a	n/a	n/a
SB 433	Substance Use Treatment - Inpatient and Intensive Outpatient Programs - Consent by Minor	Klausmeier	FIN - HOG - <u>Amendments</u>	15-Feb	No* (prevention would be through the minor's admittance into the rehab program, which is part of recovery)	n/a	n/a	Yes* (more minors would require more Medicaid)	Yes - A parent, with a minor's consent, may apply for the minor's admission into drug rehab
HB 791	Overdose Response Program - Prescribing and Dispensing of Naloxone - Noncertificate Holders	Barron	HGO	21-Feb	Yes - more people would have access to naloxone and would be able to stop more opioid overdoses	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
HB 856	Co-Prescribing Naloxone Saves Lives Act of 2017	Folden	HGO	21-Feb	Yes - the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must establish guidelines to co-prescribe naloxene in addition to an opioid	Yes - the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must establish guidelines to co-prescribe naloxene in addition to an opioid	n/a	n/a	n/a

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HB 541	Cigarette Restitution Fund - Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services	Hayes	HGO	21-Feb	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - establishes a separate account in the Cigarette Restitution Fund to be used for rate adjustments for Medicaid programs)	n/a
HB 661	Public Health - Suspected Overdoses - Reporting Requirement	Impallaria	HGO	21-Feb	Yes* (the effect of reporting opioid abusers to the police could prevent them from opioid abuse in the future)	n/a	Yes - people suspected of overdoses must be reported to the county sheriff or Department of State Police; failure to report results in a fine of \$25	n/a	n/a
HB 519	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Safer Drug Consumption Facility Program	Morhaim	HGO	21-Feb	Yes - establishes organizations to assist opioid abusers where they can receive treatment without punishment; the organization also provides overdose prevention education	Yes - the organizations must explain about safe practices on how not to contract HIV or hepatitis; they must also explain how to prevent overdoses	Yes - exempts program participants from civil or criminal offense	n/a	Yes - establishes organizations to assist opioid abusers where they can receive treatment without punishment
HB 658	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Telehealth - Requirements	Bromwell	HGO	23-Feb	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - Medicaid increases to expand telehealth services and repeals the requirement that coverage of and reimbursement for health care services delivered through telemedicine must apply to Medicaid and managed care organizations (MCOs) in the same manner that they apply to health insurance carriers.	Yes*(opioid abusers could receive help from the phone rather than in-person)

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SB 476	Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act	Guzzone	<u>FIN / B&T (In the Senate - Special Order until 3/8 (Senator Jennings) Adopted) - now in HOG - Amendments</u>	3/28/2017 - In the House HOG	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - requires a rate adjustment each year for community based programs designed to deter opioid abuse	n/a
SB 570	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Telehealth - Requirements	Middleton	FIN	23-Feb	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - Medicaid increases to expand telehealth services and repeals the requirement that coverage of and reimbursement for health care services delivered through telemedicine must apply to Medicaid and managed care organizations (MCOs) in the same manner that they apply to health insurance carriers.	Yes*(opioid abusers could receive help from the phone rather than in-person)
HB 687	Criminal Law - Distribution of Opioids Resulting in Death	Administration	JUD	28-Feb	n/a	n/a	Yes - makes it a felony with a maximum punishment of 30 years imprisonment to distribute an opioid that results in the death of another	n/a	n/a
HB 1379	Courts - Criminal and Civil Immunity - Prescribing, Dispensing, and Administering Opioid Antagonists	Frick	JUD	28-Feb	Yes, exempts from criminal or civil liability health care providers and individuals who dispense opioid antagonists to help someone experiencing an opioid overdose	n/a	Yes, exempts from criminal or civil liability health care providers and individuals who dispense opioid antagonists to help someone experiencing an opioid overdose	n/a	Yes, exempts from criminal or civil liability health care providers and individuals who dispense opioid antagonists to help someone experiencing an opioid overdose

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HB 580	Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act	Hayes	HGO	28-Feb	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - requires a rate adjustment each year for community based programs designed to deter opioid abuse	n/a
HB 612	Criminal Law - Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Resulting in Death	Impallaria	JUD	28-Feb	n/a	n/a	Yes, if someone distributes heroin or fentanyl that results in an overdose, he faces a felony charge with a maximum thirty year imprisonment.	n/a	n/a
HB 785	Recovery Residences - Condition of Acceptance of State Funds - Prohibition	Kipke	HGO	28-Feb	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes, residence recovery programs do not need to accept recovering opioid addicts to receive state funds
SB 474	Cigarette Restitution Fund - Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services	Guzzone	B&T / FIN	1-Mar	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - establishes a separate account in the Cigarette Restitution Fund to be used for rate adjustments for Medicaid programs)	n/a
SB 693	Co-Prescribing Naloxone Saves Lives Act of 2017	Hough	FIN	1-Mar	Yes - the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must establish guidelines to co-prescribe naloxene in addition to an opioid	Yes - the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must establish guidelines to co-prescribe naloxene in addition to an opioid	n/a	n/a	n/a
SB 619	Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Mixture	Hough	JPR	2-Mar	n/a	n/a	Yes, makes it a felony to distribute a substance that is a heroin mixture	n/a	n/a

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HB 887	Health Insurance - Preauthorization for Drug Products to Treat Substance Use Disorders - Prohibition	Pena-Melnyk	<u>HGO -Finance - Amendments</u>	4/4/2017 - In Senate Finance.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes, insurance carriers cannot require pre authorization for methadone, buprenorphine, or injectable naltrexone	n/a
SB 539	Criminal Law - Distribution of Opioids Resulting in Death	Administration	<u>Rules - House Judiciary - Amendments</u>	3/28/2017 - In House Judiciary	n/a	n/a	Yes - Would Increase penalties for opioid distribution that lead to someone's death.	n/a	n/a
HB 1276	Health - Patient-Centered Opioid Addiction Treatment Act	Barron	HGO	7-Mar	Yes - Would require the Opioid treatment program to conduct a periodical review on the prevention education in treatment centers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - Requires certain things from Opioid recovery centers
HB 1082	Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017 (Start Talking Maryland Act)	Bromwell	HGO	7-Mar	n/a	Yes - would create program in high ed to boost education about opioids	Yes - would require police officers to learn about tell tale signs of opioid addicition	n/a	n/a
HB 1329	Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017	Bromwell	HGO	7-Mar	Yes - would require creation of one substance abuse center in each geographic region of MD	Yes - would mandate higher education to create for credit classes on substance abuse	n/a	n/a	n/a
HB 1432	Health Care Providers - Prescription Opioids - Limits on Prescribing (The Prescriber Limits Act of 2017)	DHMH	HGO	7-Mar	Yes - by limiting physicians from perscribing class 2/3 opioids to 7 days it can prevent people from becoming dependent on the drugs	n/a	Yes - doctors in violation would be subject to penalties from DHMH	Yes - "possibly touches because it limits physicians ability to perscribe medicine that undoubtly would bill medicare/medicaid	n/a

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HB 1211	Health Care Providers - Opioid Prescriptions - Limitations and Requirements	Frick	HGO - Hearing Cancelled	7-Mar	Yes - Would limit the health care provider from providing an opioid perscription for more than 7 days if for a child, adult who has not previously been perscribed an opioid	Yes - would require the medical provider to talk to the patient about the risks of opioids	n/a	Yes - "possibly touches because it limits physicians ability to perscribe medicine that undoubtly would bill medicare/medicaid	n/a
HB 1093	Substance Use Treatment - Inpatient and Intensive Outpatient Programs - Consent by Minor	K. Young	<u>HGO - Senate Finance - Amendments</u>	3/28/2017 - Senante Finance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - Would allow for parents of minors to sign their consent to enter an intensive outpatient drug abuse program.
HB 1278	Public Health - Health Care Facilities and Health Care Systems - Availability of Buprenorphine Prescribers	Pena-Melnyk	HGO	7-Mar	Yes - Would require health care facilites that are currently not part of a health care system to have 1 employee for every 100 patients that can perscribe Buprenorphine	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
SB 864	Education - Overdose on Public School Premises - Substance Abuse Treatment Programs	Klausmeier	FIN / JPR	8-Mar	n/a	Yes - in the sense that it involves "education" centers like public schools	Yes - Would alter a circuit court's jursidiction that is currently sitting as a juvenile court to include all juveniles that overdose on school grounds.	n/a	Yes - would require the Circuit Court/Juvenile court to send the child a substance abuse treatment center
SB 968	Health Insurance - Coverage Requirements for Behavioral Health Disorders - Modifications (Parity Clarity)	Klausmeier	<u>FIN - HOG - Amendments</u>	3/8/2017 - 3/15 in House - Just passed second reading	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - would require insurance providers to carry additional options of substance abuse programs	Yes - would require insurance providers to carry at least one option of an inpatient or outpatient intensive substance abuse treatment program

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HB 1060	State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Meetings and Timeliness of Certification and Licensure Issuance	Jacobs	HGO	8-Mar	Yes - possibly in the sense that this bill would require the State Board of Therapists and Counselors to meet more often with DHMH to issue more licenses and certifications. That could lead to an increase of therapists to reach a needy population	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
SB 1060	Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017 (Start Talking Maryland Act)	Miller	<u>EHE - Amendments</u>	3/8/2017- Favorable with amendments	Yes - would require funding into certain programs to help prevent. (School nurses would be given naloxone, would take liability away from school nurses, law enforcement officers, and employees helping an individual during an opioid episode, and would require schools to create programs teaching some students to use these naloxone medications during an overdose)	Yes - schools would create programs teaching students how to use anti-overdose medicine	n/a	n/a	n/a

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HB 1009	Health - Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Modification	Kipke	HGO	14-Mar	Yes - would allow for a petition for involuntary admission if the person has had a drug overdose/insurance. Petition can be made by a medical physician, a peace officer, any other interested person	n/a	n/a	Yes - more billable services on medicare/medicaid if involuntary admission is expanded - This also would only allow the involuntary admission if the person has insurance	Yes - would lead to an increase in individuals admitted to recovery facilities
SB 868	Overdose Response Program - Prescribing and Dispensing of Naloxone - Noncertificate Holders	Klausmeier	FIN	16-Mar	Yes - would allow nurses/physicians to dispense naloxone to individuals who have not completed a course in how to use the product - this would prevent deaths during an overdose	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
HB 1212	Health Insurance - Prior Authorization for Opioid Antagonist - Prohibition	Frick	<u>HGO - FIN - Amendments</u>	In senate - 4/05 - Finance	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - would prevent insurers and health care plans from apply to a preauthorization requirement of opioid antagonist drugs like naloxone	n/a
HB 1127	Health Insurance - Coverage Requirements for Behavioral Health Disorders - Modifications (Parity Clarity)	Kelly	HGO - Finance	3/28 - Senate Finance	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - would require health care plans to provide coverage for a treatment center, intensive outpatient benefits, and psych testing	Yes - more individuals would qualify to enter drug rehab/ substance recovery centers

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HB 988	Licensed Pharmacists - Risks of Opioid Addiction - Notifications	Kipke	HGO	3/09 - HOG	n/a	Yes - would require a pharmacist who dispenses opioids to warn the individual about the dangers of opioids	n/a	n/a	n/a
SB 967	Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017	Klausmeier	EHE	3/08 EHE	Yes - would require health care providers to include coverage to facilities that provide buprenorphine. Would also establish a health crisis hotline for heroin/opioids	Yes - would require highered to create classes for credit about substance abuse disorders, prevention, and treatment	n/a	Yes - insurance would be touched with an expanse of requirements to cover facilities that provide buprenorphine	n/a
HB 983	Health Insurance - Telemedicine - Counseling for Substance Use Disorders	Pena-Melnyk	<u>HGO - FIN - Amendments</u>	4/04 First reading in Senate Finance	Yes - would expand telemedicine to include counseling for substance abuse. This could be preventative	n/a	n/a	Yes - telemedicine is covered by health insurance	Yes - telemedicine counseling would be a form of recovery
HB 1288	Maryland Insurance Administration - Workgroup on the Provision and Coverage of Behavioral Health Crisis Services	Rosenberg	HGO	3-13	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes - would require the Maryland Insurance Administration to create a workshop that would bring in all shareholders/interested parties to identify and solve barriers in providing substance abuse/behavior health services	n/a

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HB 1549	Public Health - Drug Overdose Prevention Programs - Revisions	DHMH	HOG	3-16 HOG	Yes - DHMH is to create educational programs into the use of naxolone and the tell tale signs of opioid addiction. Certificates will be given to people who pass the courses and they will be able to be perscribed naxolone to help prevent ODs	Yes - would require cooperation and coordination between agencies to better understand what is causing the opioid epidemic. Would also require investigations into every overdose at a state facility or substance abuse program facility.	Yes - would allow DHMH to suspend or deny certain registrations if a person has surrendered certain federal registrations	n/a	n/a
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